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Applicant: Bebbington *et al.* Art Unit: 1624  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner Habte:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 15, 2003, for Serial Number: 10/026,966, Applicants are filing a continuation application herewith and respectfully request consideration of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits. Applicants additionally respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time from September 15, 2003, up to and including December 15, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments presented in this Preliminary Amendment are the same as those presented in Applicants' response for serial number 10/026,966, dated August 4, 2003, which were not entered by the Examiner in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.145. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments and consideration of compounds wherein one and only one of Z<sup>1</sup> or Z<sup>2</sup> is nitrogen. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Examiner for the confusion in this matter.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.